

The MMST System Information Bulletin

ATLANTA MMST DEVELOPS MISSION, SCOPE OF OPERATIONS, AND CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The Atlanta Metropolitan Area (AMA) MMST recently developed their Mission Statement and Concept of Operations. A synopsis is offered as an example of how a city organized around a combination of integration and augmentation.

Mission

It is the mission of the AMA MMST to respond to, provide support for, and provide assistance to local and regional jurisdictions to effectively address responder safety issues, incident management, and the public health consequences of nuclear, biological, or chemical (NBC) or explosive incidents that result from accidental or deliberate threats or acts. Included in this mission is the pre-deployment of MMST assets for major events with threat propensity.

Scope of Operations

The AMA MMST response, assistance, and support includes:

- Responding at the specific or implied request of the Atlanta Fire 911 Center for response to HAZMAT or NBC incidents.
- Providing medical management and/or medical assistance and support of chemical, ordnance, biological, and radiological incidents.
- Providing training and response planning assistance to public safety response personnel.
- Providing technical assistance in the identification of an NBC agent and providing medical intelligence regarding NBC incidents.
- Coordinating and interacting with designated local, regional, State, and Federal NBC incident response authorities.
- Providing tactical medical support to Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies engaged in special operations involving the interdiction of a potential or actual threat to use a chemical, explosive, biological, or radiological agent or weapon to include providing medical support for major events.

Concept of Operation

The Atlanta MMST will function as a combined integration and augmentation team. The MMST

Task Force response will include an integration of MMST response vehicles and 17 on-duty Atlanta Fire Department, Grady Hospital EMS and American Medical Response EMS (AMR/EMS) task force members who are centrally located in firehouses and emergency stations. The integrated portion of the team will combine with an augmentation of 26 off-duty MMST members, to result in a 43-member MMST response force.

In the event of an unexpected NBC agent release, personnel and assets will arrive within 5 to 20 minutes to perform initial agent identification, mass decontamination, and initial triage. The remaining members and assets will arrive within 20 to 90 minutes.

Essential MMST response tasks have been developed and memorandums of understanding (MOUs) have been established to ensure participation of emergency response elements in performing each task by means of on-duty integrated MMST task force members.

The response concept is designed to provide the following general tasks that must begin within the first 30 minutes to assure a successful mission outcome:

- Agent Identification
- Mass Decontamination
- Victim Triage/Treatment/Transportation
- Mass Pharmaceutical Antidote Availability
- Technical Support to Affected Hospitals

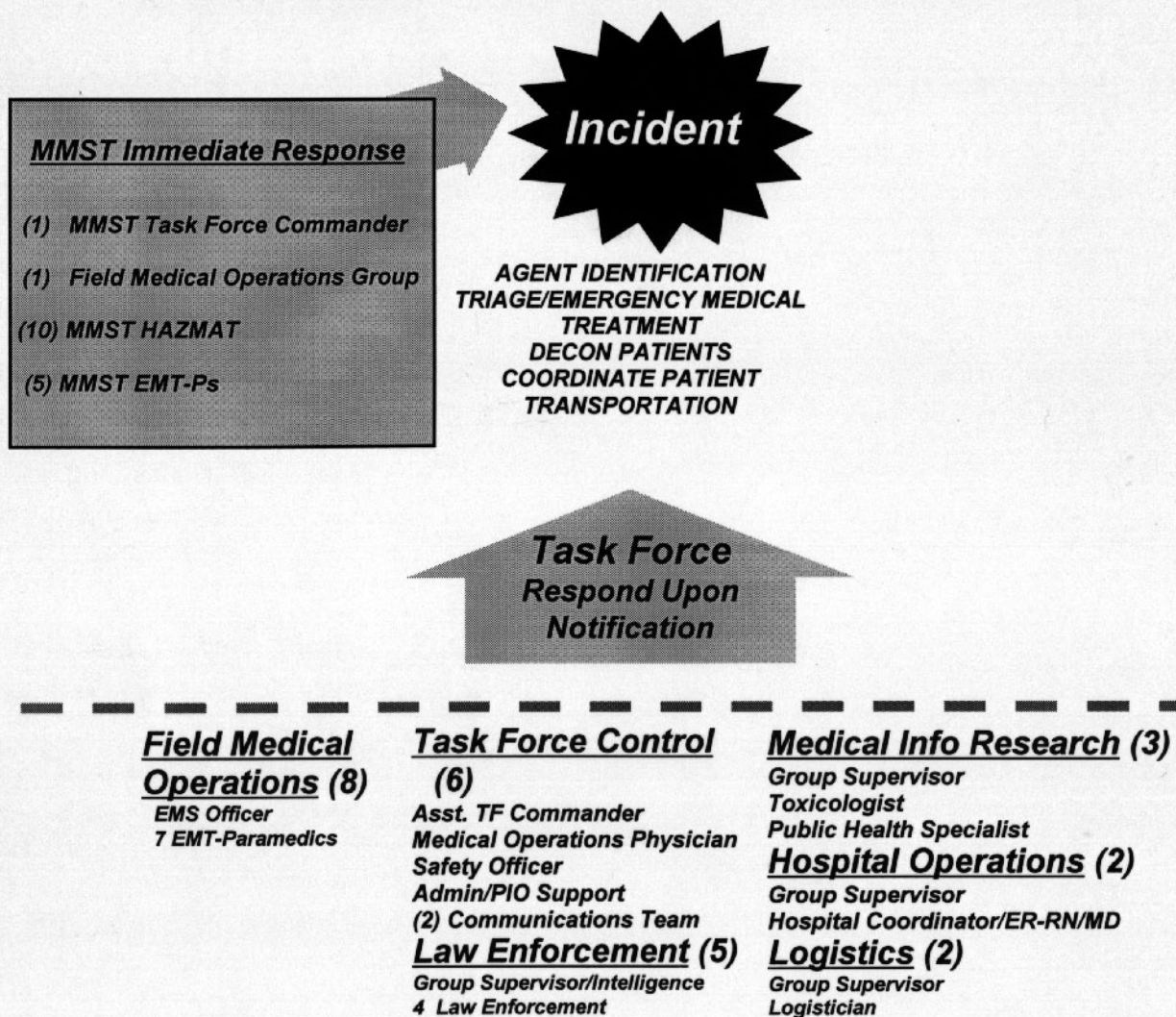
To accomplish the tasks stated above, the MMST will be deployed into the following operational support groups:

- Hospital/Public Health Coordination
- Medical Treatment/Management
- Incident Command Liaison
- Decontamination
- Pharmacology
- Communications
- Law Enforcement Coordination
- Agent Identification

See Attached AMA MMST Response Concept, Figure I

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AMA MMST RESPONSE CONCEPT Figure I



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HHS MMST WebPage:

oep_ndms.dhhs.gov/oep/terrorism/terrorism.html

Chemical and Biological Defense Information Analysis Center:

<http://www.cbiac.apgea.army.mil/>

The Easy Way to Find Facts about Chemical Weapons, Chemical Protection and Toxic Chemicals

<http://www.opcw.nl/factfin.htm>

Disaster Related Electronic Journals

coe.tamc.amedd.army.mil/resource_center/Publications/ejournals/ejournal.htm

Emergency Management-Related Bibliography-NATIONAL SECURITY/TERRORISM HAZARDS

<http://www.fema.gov/emi/edu/biblo20.htm>

EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

The RPI Team continues to expand and strengthen our association with vendors. Several companies offering equipment of potential use to MMST System response have recently contacted us. In our effort to continue "Sharing the Knowledge," it is our pleasure to pass this new information on. Enclosed, you will find copies of the data we have received on several new products. As we have previously indicated, we are distributing this information to assist you in your equipment identification process; however, no recommendations or endorsements are implied.